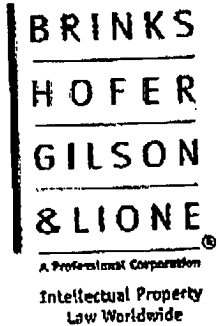


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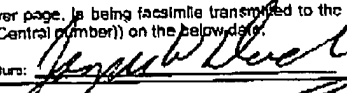
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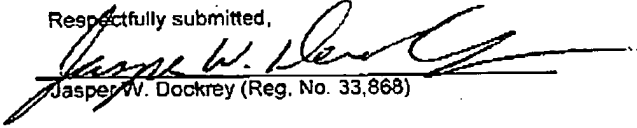
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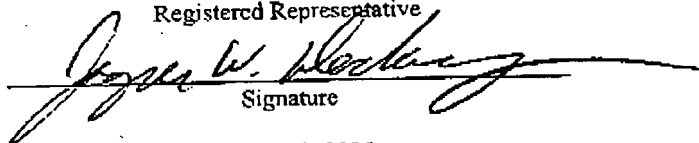
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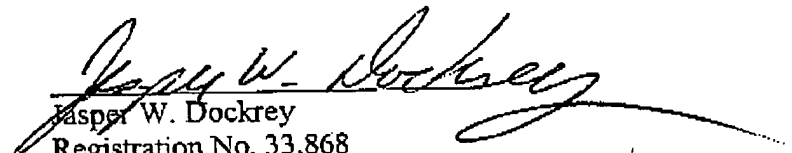
Dear Sir:

The applicant respectfully asserts that the Office Action dated May 18, 2005 contains a defect in that the claims presented by the applicants in their Preliminary Amendment were not examined. The applicant submitted a Preliminary Amendment at the time of filing the above-referenced application. The applicant's undersigned attorney telephoned Examiner Cheim on June 15, 2005 to report the defect. Examiner Cheim returned the telephone call on June 20, 2005. Examiner Cheim stated that the applicant's Preliminary Amendment has not been reviewed and that a new Office Action would be issued. The applicant's attorney requested that the Examiner issue a corrected Office Action and restart the period for reply

from the date of issuance of a corrected Office Action. Examiner Cheim agreed to this request.

The applicant asserts that notification of the defect was provided to the Office within one month of the mail date of the Office Action. In accordance with MPEP §710.06, the applicants respectfully request that a new Office Action be issued and that the statutory period for reply set forth in the Office Action of May 18, 2005 be reset to run from the date of mailing of the corrected Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,


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